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1           **SECTION 41.** 6.36 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           6.36 (1) (a) The board shall compile and maintain electronically an official  
3 registration list. The list shall contain the name and address of each registered  
4 elector in the state, the date of birth of the elector, the ward and aldermanic district  
5 of the elector, if any, and, for each elector, a unique registration identification number  
6 assigned by the board, the number of a valid operator's license issued to the elector  
7 under ch. 343, if any, or the last 4 digits of the elector's social security account  
8 number, if any, any identification serial number issued to the elector under s. 6.47  
9 (3), the date of any election in which the elector votes, an indication of whether the  
10 elector is an overseas elector, as defined in s. 6.24 (1), any information relating to the  
11 elector that appears on the current list transmitted to the board by the department  
12 of corrections under s. 301.03 (20), an indication of any accommodation required  
13 under s. 5.25 (4) (a) to permit voting by the elector, an indication of the method by  
14 which the elector's registration form was received, and such other information as  
15 may be determined by the board to facilitate administration of elector registration  
16 requirements.

17           **SECTION 42.** 6.36 (2) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 2003 Wisconsin Act 265,  
18 section 58b, is amended to read:

19           6.36 (2) (a) Except as provided in ~~pars.~~ par. (b) ~~and (c)~~, each registration list  
20 prepared for use as a poll list at a polling place or for purposes of canvassing absentee  
21 ballots at an election shall contain the full name and address of each registered  
22 elector; a blank column for the entry of the serial number of the electors when they  
23 vote; ~~if the list is prepared for use at an election for national office, an indication next~~  
24 ~~to the name of each elector for whom identification is required under par. (c) 2.~~ or the  
25 poll list number used by the municipal board of absentee ballot canvassers in

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1 canvassing absentee ballots; an indication next to the name of each elector for whom  
2 proof of residence under s. 6.34 is required; and a form of certificate bearing the  
3 certification of the executive director of the board stating that the list is a true and  
4 complete registration list of the municipality or the ward or wards for which the list  
5 is prepared.

6 **SECTION 43.** 6.36 (2) (c) 1. (intro.) of the statutes is renumbered 6.34 (1) (intro.)  
7 and amended to read:

8 6.34 (1) (intro.) In this ~~paragraph~~ section:

9 **SECTION 44.** 6.36 (2) (c) 1. a. and b. of the statutes are renumbered 6.34 (1) (a)  
10 and (b).

11 **SECTION 45.** 6.36 (2) (c) 2. of the statutes, as affected by 2003 Wisconsin Act 327,  
12 is renumbered 6.36 (2) (c) and amended to read:

13 6.36 (2) (c) ~~If the registration list is prepared for use at an election for national~~  
14 ~~office, the~~ The list shall contain, next to the name of each elector, an indication of  
15 whether ~~identification~~ proof of residence under s. 6.34 is required for the elector to  
16 be permitted to vote. ~~Identification~~ Proof of residence is required if the elector is not  
17 a military elector or an overseas elector and the elector registers by mail and has not  
18 previously voted in an election ~~for national office~~ in this state.

19 **SECTION 46.** 6.36 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

20 6.36 (5) After each general election, the board shall contact the chief election  
21 <sup>of</sup> official in each state <sup>from</sup> for which an elector who voted in that election <sup>presented a</sup> indicated when  
22 <sup>valid driver's license</sup> registering to vote under s. 6.29 (2) (a), 6.55 (2) (b) or (c) 1., or 6.86 (3) (a) 2. ~~that he~~  
23 or she holds a valid driver's license issued by that state for so long as the license  
24 remains valid. The board shall inquire whether the holder of the driver's license  
25 voted in that election in that state.

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1           **SECTION 47.** 6.36 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

2           6.36 (6) The board shall establish by rule the fee for obtaining a copy of the  
3           official registration list, or a portion of the list. The amount of the fee shall be set,  
4           after consultation with county and municipal election officials, at an amount  
5           estimated to cover both the cost of reproduction and the cost of maintaining the list  
6           at the state and local level. The rules shall require that revenues from fees received  
7           be shared between the state and municipalities or their designees under s. 6.33 (5)  
8           (b), and shall specify a method for such allocation.

9           **SECTION 48.** 6.50 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

10          6.50 (3) Upon receipt of reliable information that a registered elector has  
11          changed his or her residence to a location outside of the municipality, the municipal  
12          clerk or board of election commissioners shall notify the elector by mailing a notice  
13          by 1st class mail to the elector's registration address stating the source of the  
14          information. All municipal departments and agencies receiving information that a  
15          registered elector has changed his or her residence shall notify the clerk or board of  
16          election commissioners. If the elector no longer resides in the municipality or fails  
17          to apply for continuation of registration within 30 days of the date the notice is  
18          mailed, the clerk or board of election commissioners shall change the elector's  
19          registration from eligible to ineligible status. Upon receipt of reliable information  
20          that a registered elector has changed his or her residence within the municipality,  
21          the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners shall transfer the elector's  
22          registration and mail the elector a notice of the transfer under s. 6.40 (2). This  
23          subsection does not restrict the right of an elector to challenge any registration under  
24          s. 6.325, 6.48, 6.925 ~~or~~ 6.93, or 7.52 (5).

25          **SECTION 49.** 6.55 (2) (a) 1. (form) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           6.55 (2) (a) 1. (form)

2           “I, ....., hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, I am a qualified elector,  
3           having resided at .... for at least 10 days immediately preceding this election, and  
4           ~~that I am not disqualified on any ground from voting,~~ and I have not voted, at this  
5           election.”

6           **SECTION 50.** 6.55 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

7           6.55 (2) (b) Upon executing the registration form under par. (a), the elector  
8           shall provide ~~acceptable~~ proof of residence under sub. (7) s. 6.34. If the elector cannot  
9           provide ~~acceptable~~ proof of residence, the information contained in the registration  
10          form shall be corroborated in a statement that is signed by any elector who resides  
11          in the same municipality as the registering elector and that contains the current  
12          street address of the corroborating elector. The corroborator shall then provide  
13          ~~acceptable~~ proof of residence as provided in sub. (7) s. 6.34. If the elector is  
14          registering to vote in the general election and the elector ~~has in his or her possession~~  
15          ~~presents~~ a valid driver's license issued by another state, the inspector or deputy shall ~~request~~  
16          ~~the elector to present the license and shall~~ record on a separate list the name and  
17          address of the elector, the name of the state, and the license number and expiration  
18          date of the license. The signing by the elector executing the registration form and  
19          by any corroborator shall be in the presence of the special registration deputy or  
20          inspector who shall then print his or her name on and sign the form, indicating that  
21          the deputy or inspector has accepted the form. Upon compliance with this procedure,  
22          the elector shall be permitted to cast his or her vote, if the elector complies with all  
23          other requirements for voting at the polling place.

24          **SECTION 51.** 6.55 (2) (c) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

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6.55 (2) (c) 1. As an alternative to registration at the polling place under pars. (a) and (b), the board of election commissioners, or the governing body of any municipality may by resolution require a person who qualifies as an elector and who is not registered and desires to register on the day of an election to do so at another readily accessible location in the same building as the polling place serving the elector's residence or at an alternate polling place assigned under s. 5.25 (5) (b), instead of at the polling place serving the elector's residence. In such case, the municipal clerk shall prominently post a notice of the registration location at the polling place. ~~The municipal clerk, deputy clerk or special registration deputy at the registration location shall require such person to execute~~ The elector who desires to register shall execute a registration form as prescribed under par. (a) and ~~to~~ provide acceptable proof of residence as provided under sub. (7) s. 6.34. If the elector cannot provide acceptable proof of residence, the information contained in the registration form shall be corroborated in the manner provided in par. (b). If the elector is registering to vote in the general election and the elector ~~has in his or her possession~~ <sup>presents</sup> a valid driver's license issued by another state, the municipal clerk, deputy clerk, or special registration deputy shall ~~request the elector to present the license and shall~~ record on a separate list the name and address of the elector, the name of the state, and the license number and expiration date of the license. The signing by the elector executing the registration form and by any corroborator shall be in the presence of the municipal clerk, deputy clerk or special registration deputy. The municipal clerk, the deputy clerk, or the special registration deputy shall then print his or her name and sign the form, indicating that the clerk, deputy clerk, or deputy has accepted the form. Upon proper completion of registration, the municipal clerk, deputy clerk or special registration deputy shall serially number the registration and give one copy

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1 to the elector for presentation at the polling place serving the elector's residence or  
2 an alternate polling place assigned under s. 5.25 (5) (b).

3 **SECTION 52.** 6.55 (2) (cs) of the statutes is created to read:

4 6.55 (2) (cs) The board shall provide to each municipal clerk a list prepared for  
5 use at each polling place showing the name and address of each person whose name  
6 appears on the list provided by the department of corrections under s. 301.03 (20) as  
7 ineligible to vote on the date of the election, whose address is located in the area  
8 served by that polling place, and whose name does not appear on the poll list for that  
9 polling place. Prior to permitting an elector to register to vote under this subsection  
10 or s. 6.86 (3) (a) 2., the inspectors or special registration deputies shall review the list.  
11 If the name of an elector who wishes to register to vote appears on the list, the  
12 inspectors or special registration deputies shall inform the elector or the elector's  
13 agent that the elector is ineligible to register to vote. If the elector or the elector's  
14 agent maintains that the elector is eligible to vote in the election, the inspectors or  
15 special registration deputies shall permit the elector to register but shall mark the  
16 elector's registration form as "ineligible to vote per Department of Corrections." If  
17 the elector wishes to vote, the inspectors shall require the elector to vote by ballot and  
18 shall challenge the ballot as provided in s. 6.79 (2) (dm).

19 **SECTION 53.** 6.55 (3) of the statutes is renumbered 6.55 (3) (a) and amended to  
20 read:

21 6.55 (3) (a) Any qualified elector in the ward or election district where the  
22 elector desires to vote whose name does not appear on the registration list but who  
23 claims to be registered to vote in the election may request permission to vote at the  
24 polling place for that ward or election district. When the request is made, the  
25 inspector shall require the person to give his or her name and address. If the elector

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1 is not at the polling place which serves the ward or election district where the elector  
2 resides, the inspector shall provide the elector with directions to the correct polling  
3 place. If the elector is at the correct polling place, the elector shall then execute the  
4 following written statement: “I, ..., hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge,  
5 I am a qualified elector, having resided at .... for at least 10 days immediately  
6 preceding this election, and that I am not disqualified on any ground from voting, and  
7 I have not voted at this election and am properly registered to vote in this election.”  
8 The person shall be required to provide acceptable proof of residence as provided  
9 under sub. (7) and shall then be given the right to vote. If the elector cannot provide  
10 acceptable proof of residence, the statement shall be certified by the elector and shall  
11 be corroborated in a statement that is signed by any other elector who resides in the  
12 municipality and that contains the current street address of the corroborating  
13 elector. The corroborator shall then provide acceptable proof of residence as provided  
14 in sub. (7). Whenever the question of identity or residence cannot be satisfactorily  
15 resolved and the elector cannot be permitted to vote, an inspector shall telephone the  
16 office of the municipal clerk to reconcile the records at the polling place with those  
17 at the office complete registration as provided in sub. (2).

18 **SECTION 54.** 6.55 (3) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

19 6.55 (3) (b) Prior to permitting an elector to vote under this subsection, the  
20 inspectors shall review the list provided by the board under sub. (2) (cs). If the name  
21 of the elector appears on the list, the inspectors shall inform the elector that he or  
22 she is ineligible to vote at the election. If the elector maintains that he or she is  
23 eligible to vote in the election, the inspectors shall permit the elector to vote, but shall  
24 require the elector to vote by ballot, and shall challenge the ballot as provided in s.  
25 6.79 (2) (dm).

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1       **SECTION 55.** 6.55 (7) of the statutes is repealed.

2       **SECTION 56.** 6.56 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

3       6.56 (1) The list containing the names of persons voting under ss. 6.29 and 6.55  
4       (2) and (3) shall be returned together with all forms and certificates to the municipal  
5       clerk.

6       **SECTION 57.** 6.56 (2) of the statutes is repealed.

7       **SECTION 58.** 6.56 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

8       6.56 (3) Upon receipt of the list under sub. (1), the municipal clerk or board of  
9       election commissioners shall make an audit of all electors registering to vote at the  
10      polling place or other registration location under s. 6.55 (2) and all electors  
11      registering by agent on election day under s. 6.86 (3) (a) 2. unless the clerk or board  
12      of election commissioners receives notice from the board under sub. (7) that the board  
13      will perform the audit. The audit shall be made by 1st class postcard. The postcard  
14      shall be marked in accordance with postal regulations to ensure that it will be  
15      returned to the clerk ~~or~~, board of election commissioners, or elections board if the  
16      elector does not reside at the address given on the postcard. If any postcard is  
17      returned undelivered, or if the clerk ~~or~~, board of election commissioners, or elections  
18      board is informed of a different address than the one specified by the elector which  
19      was apparently improper on the day of the election, the clerk ~~or~~, board of election  
20      commissioners, or elections board shall change the status of the elector from eligible  
21      to ineligible on the registration list ~~and~~, mail the elector a notice of the change in  
22      status, and provide the name of the elector to the district attorney for the county  
23      where the polling place is located.

24      **SECTION 59.** 6.56 (3m) of the statutes is created to read:



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1           6.56 (3m) As soon as possible after all information relating to registrations  
2 after the close of registration for an election is entered on the registration list  
3 following the election under s. 6.33 (5) (a), the board shall compare the list of new  
4 registrants whose names do not appear on the poll lists for the election because the  
5 names were added after the board certified the poll lists for use at the election with  
6 the list containing the names transmitted to the board by the department of  
7 corrections under s. 301.03 (20) as of election day. If the board finds that the name  
8 of any person whose name appears on the list transmitted under s. 301.03 (20) has  
9 been added to the registration list, the board shall enter on the list the information  
10 transmitted to the board under s. 301.03 (20) and shall notify the district attorney  
11 that the person appears to have voted illegally at the election.

12           **SECTION 60.** 6.56 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

13           6.56 (4) After each election, the municipal clerk shall ~~carefully check~~ perform  
14 an audit to assure that no person has been allowed to vote more than once. Whenever  
15 the municipal clerk has good reason to believe that a person has voted more than once  
16 in an election, the clerk shall send the person a 1st class letter marked in accordance  
17 with postal regulations to ensure that it will be returned to the clerk if the elector  
18 does not reside at the address given on the letter. The letter shall inform the person  
19 that all registrations relating to that person may be changed from eligible to  
20 ineligible status within 7 days unless the person contacts the office of the clerk to  
21 clarify the matter. A copy of the letter and of any subsequent information received  
22 from or about the addressee shall be sent to the district attorney.

23           **SECTION 61.** 6.56 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

24           6.56 (5) Whenever any letter or postcard mailed under this section is returned  
25 undelivered, or whenever the U.S. postal service notifies the clerk of an improper

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1 address which was apparently improper on the day of the election or whenever it  
2 otherwise appears that a person has voted who is not qualified or has voted more  
3 than once in an election, and the person has been permitted to vote after  
4 corroboration was made under s. 6.55 (2) ~~or (3)~~ or 6.86 (3) (a) 2., the name of the  
5 corroborator shall also be provided to the district attorney.

6 **SECTION 62.** 6.56 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

7 6.56 (7) The board may elect to perform the duties of municipal clerks to  
8 conduct the audits required under subs. (3) and (4) for any election on behalf of all  
9 municipalities in the state. If the board so elects, the board shall, no later than the  
10 date of the election for which the audits will be performed, notify the municipal clerk  
11 of each municipality that the board will perform the audits.

12 **SECTION 63.** 6.79 (2) (d) of the statutes, as affected by 2003 Wisconsin Act 265,  
13 section 96, is amended to read:

14 6.79 (2) (d) The poll list indicates that identification proof of residence under  
15 s. 6.34 is required, the officials shall require the elector to provide identification proof  
16 of residence. If identification proof of residence is provided, the officials shall verify  
17 that the name and address on the identification document submitted as proof of  
18 residence provided is the same as the name and address shown on the registration  
19 list. If identification proof of residence is required and not provided, the officials shall  
20 offer the opportunity for the elector to vote under s. 6.97.

21 **SECTION 64.** 6.79 (2) (dm) of the statutes is created to read:

22 6.79 (2) (dm) If the poll list indicates that the elector is ineligible to vote because  
23 the elector's name appears on the current list provided by the department of  
24 corrections under s. 301.03 (20), the inspectors shall inform the elector of this fact.  
25 If the elector maintains that he or she is eligible to vote in the election, the inspectors

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1 shall provide the elector with a ballot and, after the elector casts his or her vote, shall  
2 challenge the ballot as provided in s. 6.92 and treat the ballot in the manner provided  
3 in s. 6.95.

4 **SECTION 65.** 6.79 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 6.79 (4) SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION. When any elector provides acceptable  
6 proof of residence under s. 6.15, 6.29 or 6.55 (2) ~~or (3)~~, the election officials shall enter  
7 the type of identifying document provided on the poll list, or separate list maintained  
8 under sub. (2) (c). If the document submitted as proof of identity or residence  
9 includes a number which applies only to the individual holding that document, the  
10 election officials shall also enter that number on the list. When any elector  
11 corroborates the registration identity or residence of any person offering to vote  
12 under s. 6.55 (2) (b) or (c) ~~or (3)~~, or the registration identity or residence of any person  
13 registering on election day under s. 6.86 (3) (a) 2., the election officials shall also enter  
14 the name and address of the corroborator next to the name of the elector whose  
15 information is being corroborated on the poll list, or the separate list maintained  
16 under sub. (2) (c). When any person offering to vote has been challenged and taken  
17 the oath, following the person's name on the poll list, the officials shall enter the word  
18 "Sworn".

19 **SECTION 66.** 6.82 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 6.82 (1) (a) When any inspectors are informed that an elector is at the entrance  
21 to the polling place who as a result of disability is unable to enter the polling place,  
22 they shall permit the elector to be assisted in marking a ballot by any individual  
23 selected by the elector, except the elector's employer or an agent of that employer or  
24 an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the elector. The  
25 individual selected by the elector shall provide ~~identification~~ proof of residence under

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1 s. 6.34 for the assisted elector, whenever required, and all other information  
2 necessary for the elector to obtain a ballot under s. 6.79 (2). The inspectors shall issue  
3 a ballot to the individual selected by the elector and shall accompany the individual  
4 to the polling place entrance where the assistance is to be given. If the ballot is a  
5 paper ballot, the assisting individual shall fold the ballot after the ballot is marked  
6 by the assisting individual. The assisting individual shall then immediately take the  
7 ballot into the polling place and give the ballot to an inspector. The inspector shall  
8 distinctly announce that he or she has “a ballot offered by .... (stating person’s name),  
9 an elector who, as a result of disability, is unable to enter the polling place without  
10 assistance”. The inspector shall then ask, “Does anyone object to the reception of this  
11 ballot?” If no objection is made, the inspectors shall record the elector’s name under  
12 s. 6.79 and deposit the ballot in the ballot box, and shall make a notation on the poll  
13 list: “Ballot received at poll entrance”.

14 **SECTION 67.** 6.855 of the statutes is created to read:

15 **6.855 Alternate absentee ballot site.** (1) The governing body of a  
16 municipality may elect to designate a site other than the office of the municipal clerk  
17 or board of election commissioners as the location from which electors of the  
18 municipality may request and vote absentee ballots and to which voted absentee  
19 ballots shall be returned by electors for any election. The designated site shall be  
20 located as near as practicable to the office of the municipal clerk or board of election  
21 commissioners and no site may be designated that affords an advantage to any  
22 political party. An election by a governing body to designate an alternate site under  
23 this section shall be made no fewer than 14 days prior to the time that absentee  
24 ballots are available for the primary under s. 7.15 (1) (cm), if a primary is scheduled  
25 to be held, or at least 14 days prior to the time that absentee ballots are available for

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1 the election under s. 7.15 (1) (cm), if a primary is not scheduled to be held, and shall  
2 remain in effect until at least the day after the election. If the governing body of a  
3 municipality makes an election under this section, no function related to voting and  
4 return of absentee ballots that is to be conducted at the alternate site may be  
5 conducted in the office of the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners.

6 (2) The municipal clerk or board of election commissioners shall prominently  
7 display a notice of the designation of the alternate site selected under sub. (1) in the  
8 office of the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners beginning on the date  
9 that the site is designated under sub. (1) and continuing through the period that  
10 absentee ballots are available for the election and for any primary under s. 7.15 (1)  
11 (cm). If the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners maintains a Web site  
12 on the Internet, the clerk or board of election commissioners shall post a notice of the  
13 designation of the alternate site selected under sub. (1) on the Web site during the  
14 same period that notice is displayed in the office of the clerk or board of election  
15 commissioners.

16 (3) An alternate site under sub. (1) shall be staffed by the municipal clerk or  
17 the executive director of the board of election commissioners, or employees of the  
18 clerk or the board of election commissioners.

19 (4) An alternate site under sub. (1) shall be accessible to all individuals with  
20 disabilities.

21 **SECTION 68.** 6.86 (1) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 6.86 (1) (a) (intro.) Any elector, qualifying who is registered to vote whenever  
23 required and who qualifies under ss. 6.20 and 6.85 as an absent elector, may make  
24 written application to the municipal clerk for an official ballot by one of the following  
25 methods:

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1       **SECTION 69.** 6.86 (1) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

2       6.86 (1) (a) 2. In person at the office of the municipal clerk or at an alternate  
3       site under s. 6.855, if applicable.

4       **SECTION 70.** 6.86 (1) (a) 6. of the statutes is created to read:

5       6.86 (1) (a) 6. By electronic mail or facsimile transmission as provided in par  
6       (ac).

7       **SECTION 71.** 6.86 (1) (ac) of the statutes is created to read:

8       6.86 (1) (ac) Any elector qualifying under par. (a) may make written application  
9       to the municipal clerk for an official ballot by means of facsimile transmission or  
10       electronic mail. Any application under this paragraph shall contain a copy of the  
11       applicant's original signature. An elector requesting a ballot under this paragraph  
12       shall return with the voted ballot a copy of the request bearing an original signature  
13       of the elector as provided in s. 6.87 (4).

14       **SECTION 72.** 6.86 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

15       6.86 (1) (b) Except as provided in this section, if application is made ~~in writing~~  
16       by mail, the application, signed by the elector, shall be received no later than 5 p.m.  
17       on the ~~Friday~~ 5th day immediately preceding the election. If application is made in  
18       person, the application shall be made no later than 5 p.m. on the day preceding the  
19       election. ~~If the elector is making written application and the application indicates~~  
20       that the reason for requesting an absentee ballot is that the elector is a sequestered  
21       juror, the application shall be received no later than 5 p.m. on election day. If the  
22       application is received after 5 p.m. on the Friday immediately preceding the election,  
23       the municipal clerk or the clerk's agent shall immediately take the ballot to the court  
24       in which the elector is serving as a juror and deposit it with the judge. The judge shall  
25       recess court, as soon as convenient, and give the elector the ballot. The judge shall

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1 then witness the voting procedure as provided in s. 6.87 and shall deliver the ballot  
2 to the clerk or agent of the clerk who shall deliver it to the polling place or, in  
3 municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed under s. 7.52, to the municipal  
4 clerk as required in s. 6.88. If application is made under sub. (2), the application may  
5 be received no later than 5 p.m. on the Friday immediately preceding the election.

6 **SECTION 73.** 6.86 (1) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

7 6.86 (1) (c) If an application is made by mail by a military elector, as defined  
8 in s. 6.22 (1) (b), the application shall be received no later than 5 p.m. on the Friday  
9 immediately preceding the election.

10 **SECTION 74.** 6.86 (3) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

11 6.86 (3) (a) 2. If a hospitalized elector is not registered, the elector may register  
12 by agent under this subdivision at the same time that the elector applies for an  
13 official ballot by agent under subd. 1. To register the elector under this subdivision,  
14 the agent shall present a completed registration form that contains the required  
15 information supplied by the elector and the elector's signature, unless the elector is  
16 unable to sign due to physical disability. In this case, the elector may authorize  
17 another elector to sign on his or her behalf. Any elector signing a form on another  
18 elector's behalf shall attest to a statement that the application is made on request  
19 and by authorization of the named elector, who is unable to sign the form due to  
20 physical disability. The agent shall present this statement along with all other  
21 information required under this subdivision. Except as otherwise provided in this  
22 subdivision, the agent shall in every case provide acceptable proof of the elector's  
23 residence under s. 6.55 (7) 6.34. If the elector is registering to vote in the general  
24 election and the agent ~~has in his or her possession~~ <sup>presents</sup> a valid driver's license issued to  
25 the elector by another state, the municipal clerk shall ~~request the agent to present~~

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1 ~~the license and shall~~ record on a separate list the name and address of the elector,  
2 the name of the state, and the license number and expiration date of the license. If  
3 the agent cannot present this proof of residence, the registration form shall be signed  
4 and substantiated by another elector residing in the elector's municipality of  
5 residence, corroborating the information in the form. The form shall contain the full  
6 name and address of the corroborating elector. The agent shall then present  
7 acceptable proof of the corroborating elector's residence under s. 6.55 (7) 6.34.

8 SECTION 75. 6.86 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 6.86 (3) (c) An application under par. (a) 1. may be made and a registration form  
10 under par. (a) 2. may be filed in person at the office of the municipal clerk not earlier  
11 than 7 days before an election and not later than 5 p.m. on the day of the election.  
12 A list of hospitalized electors applying for ballots under par. (a) 1. shall be made by  
13 the municipal clerk and used to check that the electors vote only once, and by  
14 absentee ballot. If identification is required the elector is registering for the election  
15 after the close of registration or if the elector registered by mail and has not voted  
16 in an election in this state, the municipal clerk shall so inform the agent that proof  
17 of residence under s. 6.34 is required and the elector shall enclose identification proof  
18 of residence under s. 6.34 in the envelope with the ballot. The ballot shall be sealed  
19 by the elector and returned to the municipal clerk either by mail or by personal  
20 delivery of the agent; but if the ballot is returned on the day of the election, the agent  
21 shall make personal delivery at to the polling place serving the hospitalized elector's  
22 residence before the closing hour for the ballot to be counted or, in municipalities  
23 where absentee ballots are canvassed under s. 7.52, to the municipal clerk no later  
24 than 8 p.m. on election day.

25 SECTION 76. 6.865 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:



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1           6.865 (1) In this section, “military elector” and “overseas elector” have the  
2 meanings given under s. ~~6.36 (2) (e)~~ 6.34 (1).

3           **SECTION 77.** 6.865 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

4           6.865 (3) If the elector making a timely request for an absentee ballot is ~~a~~  
5 ~~military elector or~~ an overseas elector and the elector requests that he or she be sent  
6 an absentee ballot for the next 2 general elections, the municipal clerk or board of  
7 election commissioners shall comply with the request except that no ballot shall be  
8 sent for a succeeding general election if the elector’s name appeared on the  
9 registration list for a previous general election and no longer appears on the  
10 registration list for the succeeding general election. If the elector’s address for the  
11 succeeding general election is in a municipality that is different from the  
12 municipality in which the elector resided for the first general election, the clerk or  
13 board of election commissioners shall forward the request to the clerk or board of  
14 election commissioners of the municipality where the elector resides.

15           **SECTION 78.** 6.865 (3m) of the statutes is created to read:

16           6.865 (3m) If the elector making a timely request for an absentee ballot is a  
17 military elector, as defined in s. 6.34 (1), the request shall be treated as provided  
18 under s. 6.22 (4).

19           **SECTION 79.** 6.87 (2) (form) of the statutes is amended to read:

20           6.87 (2) (form)

21           [STATE OF ....

22           County of ....]

23           or

24           [(name of foreign country and city or other jurisdictional unit)]

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1 I, ..., certify subject to the penalties of s. 12.60 (1) (b), Wis. Stats., for false  
2 statements, that I am a resident of the [... ward of the] (town) (village) of ..., or of  
3 the ... aldermanic district in the city of ..., residing at ...\* in said city, the county  
4 of ..., state of Wisconsin, and am entitled to vote in the (ward) (election district) at  
5 the election to be held on ...; that I am not voting at any other location in this election;  
6 that I am unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place in the (ward) (election  
7 district) on election day or have changed my residence within the state from one ward  
8 or election district to another within 10 days before the election. I certify that I  
9 exhibited the enclosed ballot unmarked to the witness, that I then in (his) (her)  
10 presence and in the presence of no other person marked the ballot and enclosed and  
11 sealed the same in this envelope in such a manner that no one but myself and any  
12 person rendering assistance under s. 6.87 (5), Wis. Stats., if I requested assistance,  
13 could know how I voted.

14 Signed ....

15 Identification serial number, if any: ....

16 The witness shall execute the following:

17 I, the undersigned witness, subject to the penalties of s. 12.60 (1) (b), Wis.  
18 Stats., for false statements, certify that I am an adult U.S. citizen and that the above  
19 statements are true and the voting procedure was executed as there stated. I am not  
20 a candidate for any office on the enclosed ballot (except in the case of an incumbent  
21 municipal clerk). I did not solicit or advise the elector to vote for or against any  
22 candidate or measure.

23 ....(Name)

24 ....(Address)\*\*

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1           \* — An elector who provides an identification serial number issued under s.  
2       6.47 (3), Wis. Stats., need not provide a street address.

3           \*\* — If this form is executed before 2 special voting deputies under s. 6.875 (6),  
4       Wis. Stats., both deputies shall witness and sign.

5           **SECTION 80.** 6.87 (3) (a) and (b) of the statutes are amended to read:

6           6.87 (3) (a) Except as authorized under par. (d) and as otherwise provided in  
7       s. 6.875, the municipal clerk shall mail the absentee ballot ~~postage prepaid for return~~  
8       to the elector's residence unless otherwise directed by the elector, or shall deliver it  
9       to the elector personally at the clerk's office or at an alternate site under s. 6.855.  
10      If the ballot is mailed, and the ballot qualifies for mailing free of postage under  
11      federal free postage laws, the clerk shall affix the appropriate legend required by  
12      U.S. postal regulations. Otherwise, the clerk shall pay the postage required for  
13      return when the ballot is mailed from within the United States. If the ballot is not  
14      mailed by the absentee elector from within the United States, the absentee elector  
15      shall provide return postage. If the ballot is delivered to the elector at the clerk's  
16      office, or an alternate site under s. 6.855, the ballot shall be voted at the office or  
17      alternate site and may not be removed by the elector therefrom.

18          (b) No elector may direct that a ballot be sent to the address of a candidate,  
19       political party or other registrant under s. 11.05 unless the elector permanently or  
20       temporarily resides at that address. Upon receipt of reliable information that an  
21       address given by an elector is not eligible to receive ballots under this paragraph  
22       subsection, the municipal clerk shall refrain from sending mailing or transmitting  
23       ballots to that address. Whenever possible, the municipal clerk shall notify an  
24       elector if his or her ballot cannot be mailed or transmitted to the address directed by  
25       the elector.

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1       **SECTION 81.** 6.87 (3) (c) of the statutes is repealed.

2       **SECTION 82.** 6.87 (3) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

3       6.87 (3) (d) A municipal clerk of a ~~municipality~~ may, if the clerk is reliably  
4 informed by an absent elector of a facsimile transmission number or electronic mail  
5 address where the elector can receive an absentee ballot, transmit a facsimile or  
6 electronic copy of the absent elector's ballot to that elector in lieu of mailing under  
7 this subsection if, in the judgment of the clerk, the time required to send the ballot  
8 through the mail may not be sufficient to enable return of the ballot by the time  
9 provided under sub. (6). An elector may receive an absentee ballot under this  
10 subsection only if the elector has filed a valid application for the ballot under sub. s.  
11 6.86 (1). If the clerk transmits an absentee ballot under this paragraph, the clerk  
12 shall also transmit a facsimile or electronic copy of the text of the material that  
13 appears on the certificate envelope prescribed in sub. (2), together with instructions  
14 prescribed by the board. The instructions shall require the absent elector to make  
15 and subscribe to the certification as required under sub. (4) and to enclose the  
16 absentee ballot in a separate envelope contained within a larger envelope, that shall  
17 include the completed certificate. The elector shall then affix sufficient postage  
18 unless the absentee ballot qualifies for mailing free of postage under federal free  
19 postage laws and shall mail the absentee ballot ~~with postage prepaid~~ to the  
20 municipal clerk. Except as authorized in s. 6.97 (2), an absentee ballot received  
21 under this paragraph shall not be counted unless it is cast in the manner prescribed  
22 in this paragraph and in accordance with the instructions provided by the board.

23       **SECTION 83.** 6.87 (4) of the statutes, as affected by 2003 Wisconsin Act 265,  
24 section 112a, is amended to read:

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1           6.87 (4) Except as otherwise provided in s. 6.875, the elector voting absentee  
2 shall make and subscribe to the certification before one witness who is an adult U.S.  
3 citizen. The absent elector, in the presence of the witness, shall mark the ballot in  
4 a manner that will not disclose how the elector's vote is cast. The elector shall then,  
5 still in the presence of the witness, fold the ballots so each is separate and so that the  
6 elector conceals the markings thereon and deposit them in the proper envelope. If  
7 a consolidated ballot under s. 5.655 is used, the elector shall fold the ballot so that  
8 the elector conceals the markings thereon and deposit the ballot in the proper  
9 envelope. ~~If the elector has registered by mail and has not, or is not certain whether~~  
10 ~~the elector has, previously voted in an election for national office in this state~~ proof  
11 of residence is required, the elector shall enclose ~~identification~~ proof of residence  
12 under s. 6.34 in the envelope. ~~Identification~~ Proof of residence is required if the  
13 elector is not a military elector or an overseas elector, as defined in s. ~~6.36 (2) (e)~~ 6.34  
14 (1), and the elector registered by mail and has not voted in an election ~~for national~~  
15 ~~office in this state.~~ If the elector requested a ballot by means of facsimile  
16 transmission or electronic mail under s. 6.86 (1) (ac), the elector shall enclose in the  
17 envelope a copy of the request which bears an original signature of the elector. The  
18 elector may receive assistance under sub. (5). The return envelope shall then be  
19 sealed. The witness may not be a candidate. The envelope shall be mailed by the  
20 elector, ~~postage prepaid~~, or delivered in person, to the municipal clerk issuing the  
21 ballot or ballots. If the envelope is mailed from a location outside the United States,  
22 the elector shall affix sufficient postage unless the ballot qualifies for delivery free  
23 of postage under federal law. Failure to return an unused ballot in a primary does  
24 not invalidate the ballot on which the elector's votes are cast. Return of more than  
25 one marked ballot in a primary or return of a ballot prepared under s. 5.655 or a ballot

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1 used with an electronic voting system in a primary which is marked for candidates  
2 of more than one party invalidates all votes cast by the elector for candidates in the  
3 primary.

4 **SECTION 84.** 6.87 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 6.87 (6) The Except as provided in s. 6.22 (5m), the ballot shall be returned so  
6 it is received by the municipal clerk in time for delivery no later than 8 p.m. on  
7 election day. Except in municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed under  
8 s. 7.52, if the municipal clerk receives an absentee ballot on election day, the clerk  
9 shall secure the ballot and cause the ballot to be delivered to the polls polling place  
10 serving the elector's residence before the closing hour. Any Except as provided in s.  
11 6.22 (5m), any ballot not mailed or delivered as provided in this subsection may not  
12 be counted.

13 **SECTION 85.** 6.87 (9) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 6.87 (9) If a municipal clerk receives an absentee ballot with an improperly  
15 completed certificate or with no certificate, the clerk may return the ballot to the  
16 elector, inside the sealed envelope when an envelope is received, together with a new  
17 envelope if necessary, whenever time permits the elector to correct the defect and  
18 return the ballot within the period prescribed in authorized under sub. (6).

19 **SECTION 86.** 6.875 (4) and (6) of the statutes are amended to read:

20 6.875 (4) For the purpose of absentee voting in nursing homes and qualified  
21 retirement homes and qualified community-based residential facilities, the  
22 municipal clerk or board of election commissioners of each municipality in which one  
23 or more nursing homes or qualified retirement homes or qualified community-based  
24 residential facilities are located shall appoint at least 2 special voting deputies for  
25 the municipality. Upon application under s. 6.86 (1) or (2) by one or more qualified

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1 electors who are occupants of such a nursing home or qualified retirement home or  
2 qualified community-based residential facility, the clerk or board of election  
3 commissioners shall dispatch 2 special voting deputies to visit the home or qualified  
4 community-based residential facility for the purpose of supervising absentee voting  
5 procedure by occupants of the home or qualified community-based residential  
6 facility. The clerk shall maintain a list, available to the public upon request, of each  
7 nursing home or qualified retirement home or qualified community-based  
8 residential facility where an elector has requested an absentee ballot. The list shall  
9 include the date and time the deputies intend to visit each home or facility. The 2  
10 deputies designated to visit each nursing home or qualified retirement home and  
11 qualified community-based residential facility shall be affiliated with different  
12 political parties whenever deputies representing different parties are available.  
13 Nominations for deputy positions may be submitted by the 2 recognized political  
14 parties whose candidates for governor or president received the greatest numbers of  
15 votes in the municipality at the most recent general election. The deputies shall be  
16 specially appointed to carry out duties under this section for the period specified in  
17 s. 7.30 (6) (a). The clerk or board of election commissioners may revoke an  
18 appointment at any time. No individual who is employed or retained, or within the  
19 2 years preceding appointment has been employed or retained at a nursing home or  
20 qualified retirement home or qualified community-based residential facility in the  
21 municipality, or any member of the immediate family of such an individual as defined  
22 in s. 19.42 (7), may be appointed to serve as a deputy.

23 (6) Special voting deputies in each municipality shall, not later than 5 p.m. on  
24 the Friday preceding an election, arrange one or more convenient times with the  
25 administrator of each nursing home, qualified retirement home, and qualified

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1 community-based residential facility in the municipality from which one or more  
2 occupants have filed an application under s. 6.86 to conduct absentee voting for the  
3 election. The time may be no earlier than the 4th Monday preceding the election and  
4 no later than 5 p.m. on the Monday preceding the election. Upon request of a relative  
5 of an occupant of a nursing home or qualified retirement home or qualified  
6 community-based residential facility, the administrator may notify the relative of  
7 the time or times at which special voting deputies will conduct absentee voting at the  
8 home or facility, and permit the relative to be present in the room where the voting  
9 is conducted. The municipal clerk shall post a notice at the home or facility  
10 indicating the date and time that absentee voting will take place at that home or  
11 facility. The notice shall be posted as soon as practicable after arranging the visit but  
12 in no case less than 24 hours before the visit. At the designated time, 2 deputies  
13 appointed under sub. (4) shall visit the home or facility. The municipal clerk or  
14 executive director of the board of election commissioners shall issue a supply of  
15 absentee ballots to the deputies sufficient to provide for the number of valid  
16 applications received by the clerk, and a reasonable additional number of ballots.  
17 The deputies may exercise the authority granted to the chief inspector under s. 7.41  
18 to regulate the conduct of observers for purposes of the application of s. 7.41, the  
19 home or facility shall be treated as a polling place. The municipal clerk or executive  
20 director shall keep a careful record of all ballots issued to the deputies and shall  
21 require the deputies to return every ballot issued to them. The deputies shall  
22 personally offer each elector who has filed a proper application the opportunity to  
23 cast his or her absentee ballot. If an elector is present who has not filed a proper  
24 application, the 2 deputies may accept an application from the elector and shall issue  
25 a ballot to the elector if the elector is qualified and the application is proper. The



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1 deputies shall each witness the certification and may, upon request of the elector,  
2 assist the elector in marking the elector's ballot. Upon request of the elector, a  
3 relative of the elector who is present in the room may assist the elector in marking  
4 the elector's ballot. All voting shall be conducted in the presence of the deputies. No  
5 individual other than a deputy may witness the certification and no individual other  
6 than a deputy or relative of an elector may render voting assistance to the elector.  
7 Upon completion of the voting, the deputies shall promptly deliver, either personally  
8 or by 1st class mail, any absentee ballot applications and the sealed certificate  
9 envelope containing each ballot to the clerk or board of election commissioners of the  
10 municipality in which the elector casting the ballot resides, within such time as will  
11 permit delivery to the polling place serving the elector's residence on election day.  
12 Personal delivery may be made by the deputies no later than noon on election day.  
13 If a qualified elector is not able to cast his or her ballot on 2 separate visits by the  
14 deputies to the home or facility, they shall so inform the municipal clerk or executive  
15 director of the board of election commissioners, who may then send the ballot to the  
16 elector no later than 5 p.m. on the Friday preceding the election.

17 **SECTION 87.** 6.875 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

18 6.875 (7) One observer from each of the 2 recognized political parties whose  
19 candidate for governor or president received the greatest number of votes in the  
20 municipality at the most recent general election may accompany the deputies to each  
21 home or facility where absentee voting will take place under this section. The  
22 observers may observe the process of absentee ballot distribution in the common  
23 areas of the home or facility. Each party wishing to have an observer present shall  
24 submit the name of the observer to the clerk or board of election commissioners no  
25 later than the close of business on the last business day prior to the visit.

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1       **SECTION 88.** 6.88 (1) to (3) of the statutes are amended to read:

2       6.88 (1) When an absentee ballot arrives at the office of the municipal clerk,  
3       or at an alternate site under s. 6.855, if applicable, the clerk shall enclose it,  
4       unopened, in a carrier envelope which shall be securely sealed and endorsed with the  
5       name and official title of the clerk, and the words “This envelope contains the ballot  
6       of an absent elector and must be opened in the same room where votes are being cast  
7       at the polls during polling hours on election day or, in municipalities where absentee  
8       ballots are canvassed under s. 7.52, stats., at a meeting of the municipal board of  
9       absentee ballot canvassers under s. 7.52, stats.”. If the ballot was received by the  
10      elector by facsimile transmission or electronic mail and is accompanied by a separate  
11      certificate, the clerk shall enclose the ballot in a certificate envelope and securely  
12      append the completed certificate to the outside of the envelope before enclosing the  
13      ballot in the carrier envelope. The clerk shall keep the ballot in the clerk’s office or  
14      at the alternate site, if applicable until delivered, as required in sub. (2).

15      (2) When an absentee ballot is received by the municipal clerk prior to the  
16      delivery of the official ballots to the election officials of the ward in which the elector  
17      resides or, where absentee ballots are canvassed under s. 7.52, to the municipal board  
18      of absentee ballot canvassers, the municipal clerk shall seal the ballot envelope in  
19      the carrier envelope as provided under sub. (1), and shall enclose the envelope in a  
20      package and deliver the package to the election inspectors of the proper ward or  
21      election district or, in municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed under s.  
22      7.52, to the municipal board of absentee ballot canvassers when it convenes under  
23      s. 7.52 (1). When the official ballots for the ward or election district have been  
24      delivered to the election officials inspectors before the receipt of an absentee ballot,  
25      the clerk shall immediately enclose the envelope containing the absentee ballot in

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1 a carrier envelope as provided under sub. (1) and deliver it in person to the proper  
2 election officials.

3 (3) (a) Any Except in municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed  
4 under s. 7.52, at any time between the opening and closing of the polls on election day,  
5 the inspectors shall, in the same room where votes are being cast, in such a manner  
6 that members of the public can hear and see the procedures, open the carrier  
7 envelope only, and announce the name of the absent elector or the identification  
8 serial number of the absent elector if the elector has a confidential listing under s.  
9 6.47 (2). When the inspectors find that the certification has been properly executed,  
10 the applicant is a qualified elector of the ward or election district, and the applicant  
11 has not voted in the election, they shall enter an indication on the poll list next to the  
12 applicant's name indicating an absentee ballot is cast by the elector. They shall then  
13 open the envelope containing the ballot in a manner so as not to deface or destroy the  
14 certification thereon. The inspectors shall take out the ballot without unfolding it  
15 or permitting it to be unfolded or examined. Unless the ballot is cast under s. 6.95,  
16 the inspectors shall verify that the ballot has been endorsed by the issuing clerk. If  
17 the poll list indicates that identification proof of residence under s. 6.34 is required  
18 and no identification proof of residence is enclosed or the name or address on the  
19 document that is provided is not the same as the name and address shown on the poll  
20 list, the inspectors shall proceed as provided under s. 6.97 (2). The inspectors shall  
21 then deposit the ballot into the proper ballot box and enter the absent elector's name  
22 or voting number after his or her name on the poll list in the same manner as if the  
23 elector had been present and voted in person.

24 (b) When the inspectors find that a certification is insufficient, that the  
25 applicant is not a qualified elector in the ward or election district, that the ballot

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1 envelope is open or has been opened and resealed, that the ballot envelope contains  
2 more than one ballot of any one kind or, except in municipalities where absentee  
3 ballots are canvassed under s. 7.52, that the certificate of an elector who received an  
4 absentee ballot by facsimile transmission or electronic mail is missing, or if proof is  
5 submitted to the inspectors that an elector voting an absentee ballot has since died,  
6 the inspectors shall not count the ballot. The inspectors shall endorse every ballot  
7 not counted on the back, “rejected (giving the reason)”. The inspectors shall reinsert  
8 each rejected ballot into the certificate envelope in which it was delivered and enclose  
9 the certificate envelopes and ballots, and securely seal the ballots and envelopes in  
10 an envelope marked for rejected absentee ballots. The inspectors shall endorse the  
11 envelope, “rejected ballots” with a statement of the ward or election district and date  
12 of the election, signed by the chief inspector and one of the inspectors representing  
13 each of the 2 major political parties and returned to the municipal clerk in the same  
14 manner as official ballots voted at the election.

15 **SECTION 89.** 6.88 (3) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

16 6.88 (3) (c) The inspectors shall review each certificate envelope to determine  
17 whether any absentee ballot is cast by an elector whose name appears on the poll list  
18 as ineligible to vote at the election by reason of a felony conviction. If the inspectors  
19 receive an absentee ballot that has been cast by an elector whose name appears on  
20 the poll list as ineligible for that reason, the inspectors shall challenge the ballot as  
21 provided in s. 6.92 and treat the ballot in the manner provided in s. 6.95.

22 **SECTION 90.** 6.93 of the statutes is amended to read:

23 **6.93 Challenging the absent elector.** The vote of any absent elector may be  
24 challenged for cause and the inspectors of election shall have all the power and  
25 authority given them to hear and determine the legality of the ballot the same as if

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1 the ballot had been voted in person. In municipalities where absentee ballots are  
2 canvassed under s. 7.52, the vote of an absentee elector may be challenged as  
3 provided in s. 7.52 (5).

4 **SECTION 91.** 6.935 of the statutes is amended to read:

5 **6.935 Challenge based on incompetency.** Section 6.03 (3) applies to any  
6 challenge of a person's right to vote under s. 6.92, 6.925 ~~or~~, 6.93, or 7.52 (5) based on  
7 an allegation that an elector is incapable of understanding the objective of the  
8 elective process and thereby ineligible to vote.

9 **SECTION 92.** 6.97 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 6.97 (1) Whenever any individual who is required to provide ~~identification~~  
11 proof of residence under s. 6.34 in order to be permitted to vote appears to vote at a  
12 polling place and cannot provide the required ~~identification~~ proof of residence, the  
13 inspectors shall offer the opportunity for the individual to vote under this section.  
14 If the individual wishes to vote, the inspectors shall provide the elector with an  
15 envelope marked "Ballot under s. 6.97, stats." on which the serial number of the  
16 elector is entered and shall require the individual to execute on the envelope a  
17 written affirmation stating that the individual is a qualified elector of the ward or  
18 election district where he or she offers to vote and is eligible to vote in the election.  
19 The inspectors shall, before giving the elector a ballot, write on the back of the ballot  
20 the serial number of the individual corresponding to the number kept at the election  
21 on the poll list or other list maintained under s. 6.79 and the notation "s. 6.97". If  
22 voting machines are used in the municipality where the individual is voting, the  
23 individual's vote may be received only upon an absentee ballot furnished by the  
24 municipal clerk which shall have the corresponding number from the poll list or  
25 other list maintained under s. 6.79 and the notation "s. 6.97" written on the back of

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1 the ballot by the inspectors before the ballot is given to the elector. When receiving  
2 the individual's ballot, the inspectors shall provide the individual with written  
3 voting information prescribed by the board under s. 7.08 (8). The inspectors shall  
4 indicate on the list the fact that the individual is required to provide ~~identification~~  
5 proof of residence but did not do so. The inspectors shall notify the individual that  
6 he or she may provide ~~identification~~ proof of residence to the municipal clerk or  
7 executive director of the municipal board of election commissioners. The inspectors  
8 shall also promptly notify the municipal clerk or executive director of the name,  
9 address, and serial number of the individual. The inspectors shall then place the  
10 ballot inside the envelope and place the envelope in a separate carrier envelope.

11 **SECTION 93.** 6.97 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 6.97 (2) Whenever any individual who votes by absentee ballot is required to  
13 provide ~~identification~~ proof of residence in order to be permitted to vote and does not  
14 provide the required ~~identification~~ proof of residence under s. 6.34, the inspectors  
15 shall write on the back of the absentee ballot the serial number of the individual  
16 corresponding to the number kept at the election on the poll list or other list  
17 maintained under s. 6.79 and the notation "s. 6.97". The inspectors shall indicate on  
18 the list the fact that the individual is required to provide ~~identification~~ proof of  
19 residence but did not do so. The inspectors shall promptly notify the municipal clerk  
20 or executive director of the municipal board of election commissioners of the name,  
21 address, and serial number of the individual. The inspectors shall then place the  
22 ballot inside an envelope on which the name and serial number of the elector is  
23 entered and shall place the envelope in a separate carrier envelope.

24 **SECTION 94.** 7.03 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           7.03 (1) (a) Except as authorized under this paragraph, a reasonable daily  
2           compensation shall be paid to each inspector, voting machine custodian, automatic  
3           tabulating equipment technician, member of a board of canvassers, messenger, and  
4           tabulator who is employed and performing duties under chs. 5 to 12. Daily  
5           compensation shall also be provided to ~~officials~~ inspectors and inspector trainees for  
6           attendance at training programs conducted by the board and municipal clerks under  
7           ~~s. ss. 7.31 and 7.315~~. Alternatively, such election officials and trainees may be paid  
8           by the hour at a proportionate rate for each hour actually worked. Any election  
9           official or trainee may choose to volunteer his or her services by filing with the  
10          municipal clerk of the municipality in which he or she serves a written declination  
11          to accept compensation. The volunteer status of the election official or trainee  
12          remains effective until the official or trainee files a written revocation with the  
13          municipal clerk.

14          **SECTION 95.** 7.08 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

15          7.08 (1) (c) Prescribe forms required by ss. 6.24 (3) and (4), 6.30 (4), 6.33 (1),  
16          6.40 (1) (a), 6.47 (1) (a) 2. and (3), 6.55 (2) ~~and (3)~~, and 6.86 (2) and (3). All such forms  
17          shall contain a statement of the penalty applicable to false or fraudulent registration  
18          or voting through use of the form. Forms are not required to be furnished by the  
19          board.

20          **SECTION 96.** 7.08 (8) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

21          7.08 (8) (title) ELECTORS VOTING WITHOUT IDENTIFICATION PROOF OF RESIDENCE OR  
22          PURSUANT TO COURT ORDER.

23          **SECTION 97.** 7.08 (9) of the statutes is created to read:

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1           7.08 (9) LISTS OF OUT-OF-STATE LICENSE HOLDERS. Withhold from inspection or  
2       copying under s. 19.35 (1) the lists of license holders received from municipal clerks  
3       under s. 7.15 (1) (L).

4           **SECTION 98.** 7.10 (1) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

5           7.10 (1) (d) The county clerk may receive and store any unused ballots after an  
6       election upon request of any municipal clerk of a municipality within the county, and  
7       may destroy such ballots pursuant to s. 7.23 (1) (am).

8           **SECTION 99.** 7.10 (9) of the statutes is amended to read:


9           7.10 (9) TRAINING OF ELECTION OFFICIALS. Each county clerk shall assist the  
10      board in the training of election officials under ss. s. 5.05 (7) and 7.31.

11          **SECTION 100.** 7.15 (1) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

12          7.15 (1) (e) ~~In coordination with the board, instruct~~ Train election officials in  
13      their duties, calling them together whenever advisable, advise them of changes in  
14      laws, rules and procedures affecting the performance of their duties, and administer  
15      examinations as authorized under s. 7.30 (2) (c). The training shall conform with the  
16      requirements prescribed in rules promulgated by the board under ss. 7.31 and 7.315.  
17      The clerk shall assure that officials who serve at polling places where an electronic  
18      voting system is used are familiar with the system and competent to instruct electors  
19      in its proper use. The clerk shall inspect systematically and thoroughly the conduct  
20      of elections in the municipality so that elections are honestly, efficiently and  
21      uniformly conducted.

22          **SECTION 101.** 7.15 (1) (L) of the statutes is created to read:

23          7.15 (1) (L) Compile and, no later than 7 days after each general election,  
24      transmit to the board the lists of electors registering to vote under ss. 6.29 (2) (a), 6.55  
25      (2) (b) and (c) 1. and 6.86 (3) (a) 2. who presented valid drivers' licenses issued by





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1 other states. The clerk shall withhold access to the lists from inspection or copying  
2 under s. 19.35 (1).

3 **SECTION 102.** 7.15 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:

4 7.15 (1m) ATTEND TRAINING. Each municipal clerk shall, at least once every 2  
5 years, attend training sponsored by the board under ss. 7.31 and 7.315.

6 **SECTION 103.** 7.15 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

7 7.15 (2m) OPERATION OF ALTERNATE ABSENTEE BALLOT SITE. In a municipality in  
8 which the governing body has elected to establish an alternate absentee ballot site  
9 under s. 6.855, the municipal clerk shall operate such site as though it were his or  
10 her office for absentee ballot purposes and shall ensure that such site is adequately  
11 staffed.

12 **SECTION 104.** 7.15 (11) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 7.15 (11) TRAINING OF ELECTION OFFICIALS. Each municipal clerk shall assist the  
14 board in the training of train election officials under ss. 5.05 (7) and ss. 7.31 and  
15 7.315.

16 **SECTION 105.** 7.23 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 7.23 (1) (a) Any Except as provided in par. (am), unused materials after an  
18 election and the contents of the blank ballot box after a primary may be destroyed  
19 at a time and in a manner designated by the appropriate clerk.

20 **SECTION 106.** 7.23 (1) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

21 7.23 (1) (am) Unused ballots may be discarded or destroyed no earlier than the  
22 day after the latest day for the filing of a petition for a recount under s. 9.01 for any  
23 office on the ballots.

24 **SECTION 107.** 7.30 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 7.30 (1) (a) and amended  
25 to read:

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1           7.30 (1) (a) ~~There~~ Except as authorized under par. (b), there shall be 7  
2 inspectors for each polling place at each election. ~~In~~ Except as authorized in par. (b),  
3 in municipalities where voting machines are used, the municipal governing body  
4 may reduce the number of inspectors to 5. A municipal governing body may provide  
5 for the appointment of additional inspectors whenever more than one voting  
6 machine is used or wards are combined under s. 5.15 (6) (b). A municipal governing  
7 body may provide by ordinance for the selection of alternate officials or the selection  
8 of 2 or more sets of officials to work at different times on election day, and may permit  
9 the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners to establish different working  
10 hours for different officials assigned to the same polling place. Alternate officials  
11 shall also be appointed in a number sufficient to maintain adequate staffing of  
12 polling places. ~~Unless~~ Except for inspectors who are appointed under par. (b) and  
13 officials who are appointed without regard to party affiliation under sub. (4) (c),  
14 additional officials shall be appointed in such a manner that the total number of  
15 officials is an odd number and the predominant party under sub. (2) is represented  
16 by one more official than the other party.

17           **SECTION 108.** 7.30 (1) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

18           7.30 (1) (b) Each municipality may appoint one additional inspector to serve  
19 at each polling place without regard to party affiliation who shall serve as a greeter  
20 to answer questions and to direct electors to the proper locations for registration and  
21 voting and who shall be available to substitute for other election officials who must  
22 leave the room during the voting process.

23           **SECTION 109.** 7.30 (2) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act 27,  
24 is amended to read:

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7.30 (2) (a) Only election officials appointed under this section or s. 6.875 may  
conduct an election. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph and in s. 7.15  
(1) (k), and 7.52 (1) (b), each election official shall be a qualified elector of the ward or wards, or the  
election district, for which the polling place is established. A special registration  
deputy who is appointed under s. 6.55 (6) or an election official who is appointed  
under this section to fill a vacancy under par. (b) need not be a resident of the ward  
or wards, or the election district, but shall be a resident of the municipality, except  
that if a municipal clerk or deputy clerk serves as a registration deputy or is  
appointed to fill a vacancy under par. (b), the clerk or deputy clerk need not be a  
resident of the municipality, but shall be a resident of the state. No more than 2  
individuals holding the office of clerk or deputy clerk may serve without regard to  
municipal residency in any municipality at any election. Special registration  
deputies who are appointed under s. 6.55 (6) may be appointed to serve more than  
one polling place. All officials appointed under this section shall be able to read and  
write the English language, be capable, and be of good understanding, and may not  
be a candidate for any office to be voted for at an election at which they serve. In 1st  
class cities, they may hold no public office other than notary public. Except as  
authorized under ~~sub.~~ subs. (1) (b) and (4) (c), all inspectors shall be affiliated with  
one of the 2 recognized political parties which received the largest number of votes  
for president, or governor in nonpresidential general election years, in the ward or  
combination of wards served by the polling place at the last election. ~~The Excluding~~  
the inspector who may be appointed under sub. (1) (b), the party which received the  
largest number of votes is entitled to one more inspector than the party receiving the  
next largest number of votes at each polling place. ~~The same election~~ Election  
officials appointed under this section may serve the electors of more than one ward

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1 where wards are combined under s. 5.15 (6) (b). If a municipality is not divided into  
2 wards, the ward requirements in this paragraph apply to the municipality at large.

3 **SECTION 110.** 7.30 (2) (am) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 7.30 (2) (am) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, a pupil who is  
5 16 or 17 years of age, and who is enrolled in grades 9 to 12 in a public or private school,  
6 ~~and who has at least a 3.0 grade point average or the equivalent~~ may serve as an  
7 inspector at the polling place serving the pupil's residence, with the approval of the  
8 pupil's parent or guardian and of the principal of the school in which the pupil is  
9 enrolled. A school board or governing body of a private school may establish criteria  
10 for participation by a pupil as an inspector. A pupil may serve as an inspector at a  
11 polling place under this paragraph only if at least one election official at the polling  
12 place other than the chief inspector is a qualified elector of this state. No pupil may  
13 serve as chief inspector at a polling place under this paragraph. Before appointment  
14 by any municipality of a pupil as an inspector under this paragraph, the municipal  
15 clerk shall obtain written authorization from the pupil's parent or guardian and from  
16 the principal of the school where the pupil is enrolled for the pupil to serve for the  
17 ~~entire term~~ election for which he or she is appointed. Upon appointment of a pupil  
18 to serve as an inspector, the municipal clerk shall notify the principal of the school  
19 where the pupil is enrolled of the ~~date of expiration of the pupil's term of office~~ name  
20 of the pupil and the date of the election at which the pupil has been appointed to  
21 serve.

22 **SECTION 111.** 7.30 (2) (b) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act 27,  
23 is amended to read:

24 7.30 (2) (b) When a vacancy occurs in an office under this section, the vacancy  
25 shall be filled by appointment of the municipal clerk. ~~The~~ Unless the vacancy occurs

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1 in the position of an inspector appointed under sub. (1) (b), the vacancy shall be filled  
2 from the remaining names on the lists submitted under sub. (4) or from additional  
3 names submitted by the chairperson of the county party committee of the  
4 appropriate party under sub. (4) whenever names are submitted under sub. (4) (d).  
5 If the vacancy is due to candidacy, sickness or any other temporary cause, the  
6 appointment shall be a temporary appointment and effective only for the election at  
7 which the temporary vacancy occurs. The same qualifications that applied to  
8 original appointees shall be required of persons who fill vacancies except that a  
9 vacancy may be filled in cases of emergency or because of time limitations by a person  
10 who resides in another aldermanic district or ward within the municipality, and if  
11 a municipal clerk or deputy clerk fills the vacancy, the clerk or deputy, but not more  
12 than a total of 2 individuals in any municipality, may serve without regard to the  
13 clerk's or deputy's municipality of residence, if the clerk or deputy meets the other  
14 qualifications.

15 **SECTION 112.** 7.30 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 7.30 (2) (c) The governing body of any municipality may require all persons  
17 serving as election officials to prove their ability to read and write English and to  
18 have a general knowledge of the election laws. Examinations may be given to prove  
19 the qualifications can be met. The municipal clerk shall ensure that all training  
20 meets the training requirements prescribed in rules promulgated by the board under  
21 ss. 7.31 and 7.315.

22 **SECTION 113.** 7.30 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 7.30 (4) (a) Except in cities where there is a board of election commissioners,  
24 the mayor, president or board chairperson of each municipality shall nominate to the  
25 governing body no later than their last regular meeting in December of each

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1 ~~even-numbered odd-numbered~~ year the necessary election officials for each polling  
2 place. *and any election officials required under s. 7.52(1)(b)* If no regular meeting is scheduled, the mayor, president or chairperson shall  
3 call a special meeting for the purpose of considering nominations no later than  
4 December 31.

5 **SECTION 114.** 7.30 (4) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 7.30 (4) (b) (intro.) The 2 dominant parties, under sub. (2), are each responsible  
7 for submitting a list of names from which ~~the~~ all appointees to inspector positions,  
8 other than appointees to inspector positions authorized under sub. (1) (b), shall be  
9 chosen.

10 **SECTION 115.** 7.30 (4) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

11 7.30 (4) (b) 1. In cities where there is a board of election commissioners, the  
12 aldermanic district committeemen or committeewomen under s. 8.17 of each of the  
13 2 dominant recognized political parties shall submit a certified list no later than  
14 November 30 of each ~~even-numbered~~ odd-numbered year containing the names of

15 at least as many nominees as there are inspectors from that party for each of the  
16 *For inspectors serving under s. 7.52(1)(b), the aldermanic district committeemen*  
*and* *committeewomen* *under* *s. 8.17* *of the* *2* *dominant* *recognized* *political* *parties*  
17 individual whose name is submitted as a first choice nominee. The board of election *shall*  
18 commissioners shall appoint, no later than December 31 of ~~even-numbered~~ *odd-numbered*  
19 odd-numbered years, at least 5 inspectors for each ward. The board of election  
20 commissioners shall appoint all first choice nominees for so long as positions are  
21 available, unless nonappointment is authorized under par. (e), and shall appoint  
22 other individuals in its discretion. The board of election commissioners may  
23 *jointly* *submit a* *certified* *list of nominees* *containing at least* *twice as many nominees* *as there are inspectors from that* *party who are to be appointed* *under s. 7.52(1)(b)*

24 **SECTION 116.** 7.30 (4) (c) of the statutes is amended to read: